

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

After entry of the instant Amendment, claims 4-6, 9, 10, 12, 14, 37 and 44-50 are pending in the present application. Claim 4 is independent.

Claims 1-3, 7-8, 11, 13, 15-36 and 38-43 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Claim 4 has been amended and new claims 46-50 have been added and find support throughout the Specification, as originally filed. Thus, no new matter has been introduced by way of amendments made to the claims.

Reconsideration of this application, as amended herein and in view of the arguments provided in the Amendment filed March 30, 2010, is respectfully requested.

Examiner Interviews

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative during interviews which were conducted on June 14, June 15, June 17, June 22, and July 1, 2010. Proposed changes to the claims were discussed in an attempt to place the claims in condition for allowance. The claims have been amended in the manner discussed during the interviews, and are believed to place the application into condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact MaryAnne Armstrong, Ph.D., Registration No. 40069 at the telephone number of the undersigned below to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Director is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge any fees required during the pendency of the above-identified application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448.

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Respectfully submitted,

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